AMENDED CLAIM SET

The status identifiers have been changed to correctly identify the status of the claims in the present application:

1.　　(Previously Presented)　　A washer wherein antimicrobial metal ions can be added in to water and attached to a surface of laundry in a predetermined process in a laundry washing session,

wherein a time of the predetermined process is longer when metal ions are added than when no metal ions are added.

2.　　(Previously Presented)　　The washer according to claim 1,

wherein metal ions can be added into water being fed during "rinsing with pouring water."

3.　　(Previously Presented)　　A washer wherein antimicrobial metal ions can be added in to water and attached to a surface of laundry in a predetermined process in a laundry washing session,

wherein the predetermined process includes a powerful swirl period and a mild swirl period or a powerful swirl period and a still period.

4.　　(Previously Presented)　　The washer according to claim 3,

wherein a ratio of powerful swirl period and mild swirl period or a ratio of powerful swirl period and still period is constant, regardless of a volume of water in a washing tub and/or an amount of laundry.

5.   (Previously Presented)   The washer according to claim 3,

wherein a ratio of powerful swirl period and mild swirl period or a ratio of powerful swirl

period and still period varies in accordance with a volume of water in a washing tub and/or an

amount of laundry.

6.   (Previously Presented)   The washer according to claim 3,

wherein the water into which the metal ions have been added is agitated by mild swirl or

placed at a standstill after said water is agitated by powerful swirl for a predetermined period.

7.   (Previously Presented)   The washer according to claim 6,

wherein the predetermined process is a final rinsing process.

8.   (Previously Presented)   A washer wherein antimicrobial metal ions can be

added in to water in a predetermined process in a laundry washing session,

wherein when uneven spreading of laundry is detected during squeezing rotation of a

washing tub after addition of metal ions, a countermeasure to be adapted is different from that

when uneven spreading of laundry is detected while no metal ions are added.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The washer according to claim 8,

wherein the different countermeasure is rinsing for correcting uneven spreading of

laundry by agitating it in water containing metal ions.

10.   (Previously Presented)   The washer according to claim 9,

wherein in case where the rinsing for correcting uneven spreading of laundry is executed

with fresh water being replenished, an amount of metal ions to be added is less than that added in

previous processes.

11.   (Previously Presented)   The washer according to claim 8,

wherein the different countermeasure is rinsing for correcting uneven spreading of

laundry by agitating it in rinsing water with pouring water containing no metal ions with

indication and/or notification that water being fed contains no metal ions.

12.   (Previously Presented)   The washer according to claim 8,

wherein the different countermeasure is termination of squeezing rotation together with

indication and/or notification that uneven spreading of laundry is detected.

13.   (Previously Presented)   The washer according to claim 8,

wherein when detection of unbalance in laundry is not a single occasion, different

countermeasures are adapted for each occasion.

14.   (Previously Presented)   The washer according to claim 8,

wherein a plurality of kinds of countermeasures for unbalance are provided, and kinds

and/or order of countermeasures to be adapted are selectable.

15.   (Previously Presented)   The washer according to claim 13,

wherein a plurality of kinds of countermeasures for unbalance are provided, and the kinds

and/or order of countermeasures to be adapted are selectable.

16.   (Currently Amended) The washer according to ~~one of claims 1-15~~claim 1,

wherein metal ions are generated by using an ion elution unit that elutes metal ions by

applying a voltage between electrodes.